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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR GOSNELL FROM MCCALL: MYERS PLANS TO PHONE YOU AND WE HAVE FED HIM THE PROSPECTS WE HAVE TURNED UP, NAMELY IN INR AND AT ICA, WHERE JACK SCANLON WANTS A SOVIET SPECIALIST TO BE HIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER (HE IS WILLING TO CONSIDER A ONE-YEAR ASSIGNMENT, IF THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE). ALSO, NEA IS SEEKING A SOVIET HAND TO TAKE OVER THE AFGHANISTAN DESK.

2. KNOOP TRIP: KNOOP ARRIVING MOSCOW MAY 20 ON PA 66 AT 3:40 P.M. KNOOP ACCEPTS BALLARD'S INVITATION TO STAY WITH HIM IN MOSCOW. KNOOP WOULD THEN GO TO KIEV MAY 21 OR 22 AFTER BRIEF CONSULTATIONS AT EMBASSY AND ACCEPTS INVITATION TO STAY WITH WHITES. HE HAS RESERVATIONS TO DEPART MOSCOW MAY 27 ON BEA 709 AT 5:20 P.M.
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3. JUDY MANDEL WILL ARRIVE JUNE 12. SPOUSE WILL NOT ACCOMPANY.
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4. AFTER CONSIDERABLE TOING AND FROING, THE MAIN MEETING HAS BEEN SET FOR MAY 27, WITH ADDITIONAL MEETINGS SAME DAY AND PERHAPS THE PREVIOUS DAY. SORRY WE COULDN'T KEEP YOU

IN THE LOOP ON THIS. THIS EVENING WE ARE TRYING TO WORK
OUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT BUT DON'T KNOW WHEN THAT WILL BE.

5. THERE HAS BEEN A SURGE OF PESSIMISM OF LATE REGARDING
THE RELATIONSHIP. SYMPTOMATIC IS KISSINGER'S TURNABOUT
IN A RECENT INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR DIRECT LINK-
AGE BETWEEN SALT AND A CESSATION OF AFRICAN ADVENTURISM.

6. NEEDLESS TO SAY THERE WILL BE INTEREST IN ANY SOVIET
REACTIONS TO BRZEZINSKI'S TRIP.

7. RE BOB GERMAN, WE (NOBLE) WILL TRY FOR A LATER DEPART-
URE BY BROWN, ARMED WITH AMBASSADOR TOON'S PREFERENCES.
BOB WILL AIM FOR ARRIVAL AUGUST 29. EUR WILL WRITE THE
TDY ORDERS FOR BOB TO VISIT MOSCOW, AND BOB WOULD BE
PLEASED TO DO IT. IT ONLY REMAINS TO ESTABLISH THE
APPROXIMATE DATE IN ORDER TO WRITE ORDERS. PERHAPS BILL
COULD CONTACT BOB DIRECTLY, THEN LET ME KNOW.

8. ACCORDING TO VARIOUS INTERESTED AMERICANS RFE REPORTED
THAT ALEKSANDR PODRABINEK "IS BEING CHARGED WITH ARTICLE
70." IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HIS CURRENT
SITUATION, PLEASE REPORT IT BY FRONT CHANNEL. VANCE

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